GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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Rehabilitation and Employment of Differently Abled
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the children/persons with disabilities are deprived of better education in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps take by the Government to provide education, training, rehabilitation and employment to the physically and mentally challenged persons in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring the subject of education of disabled children under the Ministry of Human Resource Development from the Ministry of Social Justice and Employment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT)
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)
(a): The Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for universalizing elementary education for all children in the age group of 6-14 years. . Its overall goals include, inter-alia, universal access and retention, bridging of gender and social category gaps in education and enhancement of learning levels of children. Under the SSA, inclusive education is being provided to children with special needs (CWSN) in the neighborhood schools.
(b): SSA provides Rs. 3000/- per child per annum for the interventions related to education of CWSN. The major interventions under SSA for the education of CWSN are identification, functional and formal assessment, appropriate educational placement, preparation of Individualized Educational Plan, provision of free aids and appliances, transport and/or escort support, teacher training, appointment of resource teachers, therapeutical support and barrier free access. SSA provides access to the differently abled children in neighborhood schools. As per Unified District Information System for Education, 2015-16, under the SSA, 22.86 lakh differently abled children have been enrolled in elementary schools including government aided schools. State/UT wise Details are given at Annexure.
(c) & (d): There is no such proposal at the moment.
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